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Ex-Gov. Hoard Recalls an Incident at
the Late Unpleasantness.

Among the distinguished gentlemen
who are present in the city, fresh from
the meeting at Vicksburg in relation
to the establishment of the national
park at that place, is ex-Gov. W. D.
Hoard, of Wisconsin. Gov. Hoard is
an old friend of New Orleans, notwith-
standing the fact that his first acquaint-
ance with the city and its attractions
was made under peculiar circum-
stances. It was during the time that
tried men's souls; when the forces of
the Union were encamped at the outer
gates and the Confederate troops were
seriously thinking how best to get out
of the warm location. Gen. Lovell,
who was in command of New Orleans
when the Federals in charge of Gen.
Butler were knocking for admittance,
finally concluded that the best thing to
do under the circumstances was to
evacuate, and by this action turn the
city over to the tender mercies of the
opposing forces.

Gov. Hoard was among the Federals
who constituted the troops of the great
and only Butler, and when this general,
with his soldiers, marched into the city
Gov. Hoard marched with him. It was
then that the Governor—his first im-
pressions of a city which at that time
had achieved greatness among the com-
mercial centers of the country. These
impressions have never died in his
memory.

"Why," said Gov. Hoard, "I was one
of the most surprised men in the whole
world. I had heard of fairy lands in
which the rivers ran wine and the hills
were made of great lumps of sugar,
but I had never conceived of a city
whose streets were knee deep in sweet-
ness. Yet this was just the case when
we entered New Orleans. I absolutely
waded ankle deep in sugar, and that
in the streets along the river. While
the affair has become a matter of his-
tory, I shall never forget the sight.
You see, the fact of the blockade of
the port had caused a vast quantity of
the products of the South, chiefly sugar
and cotton, to pile up in the city, and
the inability of its owners to ship the
stuff resulted in the warehouses being
filled to overflowing. When Gen. Lov-
ell realized that he must give up the
fight and leave the city he determined
to render it impossible for the Union
soldiers to make use of the accumula-
tion of stores. To this end he gave or-
ders for its destruction, and hundreds
of households of new sugar were vi-
olated and their contents cast into the
streets just like so much sand. It was
a useless commodity for the time being,
and great masses of the stuff were piled
up where the destruction occurred.
When we marched into the section of
the city where the sugar had been stored
we literally waded in sugar. I never
saw such waste in all my life in this
respect, while all along the levee front
were the evidences of the burning of
the cotton which had been stored there
waiting for an opportunity for shipment
to Europe."—New Orleans Times-Dem-
ocrat.

CURIOUS MUSHROOM.

A Tropical Plant Called the Lady with
the Veil.

One of the most curious formations
of tropical vegetation is the Dictyo-
phora, a sort of mushroom, which,
while not poisonous, is not edible, on
account of its disagreeable smell. This
plant is very rare, and is found ex-
clusively in the tropical zone. The cut
shows a specimen grown in the Cam-
eroon, in Equatorial Africa. The Lady
with the Veil appears at first as a
small egg-shaped mushroom; the stem
then grows to a height of from five to



LADY WITH THE VEIL.

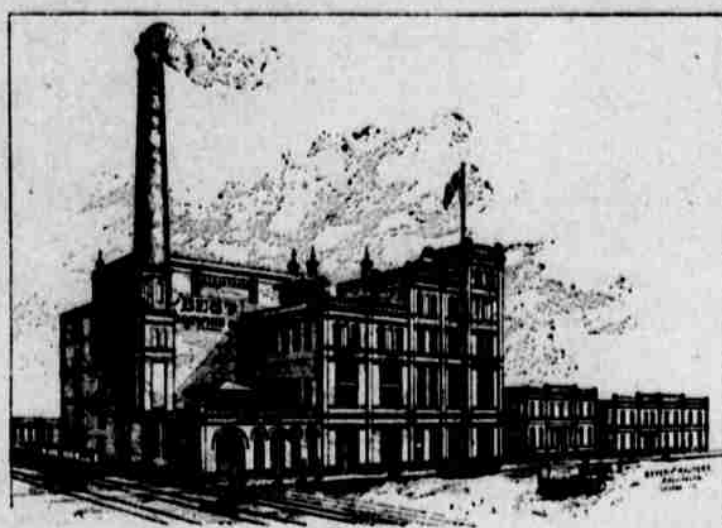
seven inches, raising the first growth
to the height. Afterwards the top turns
to a hat-shaped, greenish and spongy
structure, beneath which the white
net of fibers grow downward. The top
of it has a strong, disagreeable smell,
which makes the plant noticeable for
quite a distance.

A Fuzzy Fingert.

It is not often that public speakers
with a reputation own to the value of
their delivery, but a certain popular
preacher once found it very useful.
Some wicked members of his congrega-
tion pressed him to publish his ser-
mons, which they had good reason to
believe were plagiarized from other
divines. But he was even more aware
of it than they were. "No," he said,
"I will not do that, for if I publish
them they would lose so much in man-
ner."

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which she thinks she can squelch a
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